Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are orders that the growth is to be removed before the 31st of Medam.

President.—If you succeed in obtaining the assignment and if you only meet him before the 31st of Medam, it is all right. The information is to be given before the 31st of Medam.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Lands will be assigned to them. I won't enforce.

President.—If you inform him before the 31st of Medam that the assignment may be delayed, that instead of removing the forest growth in Medam it may be done in Edavam or Mithunam and that they lose this advantage of preserving the forest growth for their future use, it is all right.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—I must know that it is likely to be assigned. They must approach the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—They have already approached the Diwan Peishkar and sent petitions that the lands are to be assigned to them.

President.—Probably he is considering the question. The proper way is to approach the Conservator with a request that 'I have applied for the assignment, please do not insist upon the removal of the forest growth.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—That is all what we want.

President.— You have to move the Conservator of Forests.

Government Servants working as Directors of Companies.

654. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Directors (Government officials and non-officials) of the Electric Co., Ltd., Cochin ;

(b) whether the Government have refused sanction to any Government Servant to be a Director of any Limited Company during the last two years ; if so, the names with reasons;

(c) whether the officer who is authorised to grant licenses is also one of the Directors of the Electric Co., Ltd., if so, the name of the officer?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a)

1 S. S. Koder Esq.
2 Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.
3 V. K. Aravindaksha Menon Esq
4 E. D. David Esq.

(b) Yes. From the information so far collected it is seen that only one person viz., K. Kunjunni Marar, Head clerk of the Senior Inspector of Schools, has been refused sanction for

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the reason that he was the chief ministerial officer of his office.

(c) Part I. No

Part II. The question does not arise in view of answer to Part I.

Assignment of back-water areas for fishings.

655. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the construction of a new *chira* or the assignment of any portion of the back-water Survey. No. 978 for the purpose of fishing has been allowed by the Government recently;

(2) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state whether they have made all the necessary enquiries regarding the advisability of such an assignment and the difficulties that may arise to the public by the same;

(3) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have consulted the matter to any of the local public institutions or leading men of the place regarding the same;

(4) will the Government be pleased to state what were the recommendations of the several officers of the Revenue Department regarding this assignment;

(5) will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received telegrams and petitions from the land-holders and cultivators of Poyya and the adjoining villages protesting against the action of the Government stating the inconvenience that may cause for their cultivations by putting up this new *chira*; if so, will they be pleased to state about the actions that have been taken regarding the same?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon—(1) Sanction was recently accorded for putting up a new *chira* in Survey No. 578 of the Poyya village.

(2) and (3) The Tahsildar inspected the place in person and made enquiries.

(4) There has been no assignment. The party was only allowed to construct a bund at his cost with an opening 350 links wide for the free flow of water.

(5) Yes. The matter is under enquiry.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken—(2) and (3): May I know whether the Tahsildar consulted about the matter with any of the local people of the Panchayat or in such quarters?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I cannot say now.

President.—You are not justified in standing before he has sat down.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I thought he sat down. I did not look behind.

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